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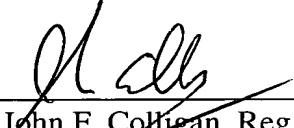
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following patents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Patent:

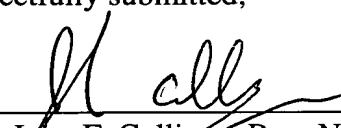
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The documents listed hereinabove were cited in the European Search Report EP 01 11 5279, dated 06/17/03, received in connection with a European application corresponding to the above-referenced U.S. application. U.S. Patent No. 5,070,565 and EP Patent No. 0313339A, were cited by applicant on 06/20/01 when the case was filed. Copies of the Search Report and documents cited are enclosed herewith.

Applicants' attorney respectfully submits that none of the references teach or suggest, singly, or where permissible, in combination, the invention claimed in the present application and therefore Applicants look forward to receiving early and favorable consideration of the claims.

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